

mating edge configured to lie adjacent a peripheral mating edge of the second part when the first and second trim parts are supported adjacent one another;

forming a recess having an undercut portion in the peripheral mating edge of the first trim part after providing the first trim part;

providing buffer material in the recess and overfilling said recess so as to provide a bead of buffer material on the peripheral mating edge of the first trim part;

allowing the bead to mechanically connect to the first trim part by hardening of the buffer material within the recess; and

supporting the first and second trim parts adjacent one another with the second trim part contacting the bead of buffer material such that the bead is compressed between the first and second trim parts.

*Sub P* 7. (Amended) The method of claim 1 in which the step of providing buffer material includes the steps of:

providing a robot operatively connected to an applicator;

connecting a source of buffer material to the applicator, the buffer material being in fluid communication with the applicator; and

*E-2* operating the robot to move the applicator in spaced generally parallel relationship with the peripheral mating edge of the first trim part while projecting buffer material into the recess and onto the peripheral mating edge.

*Sub H* 8. (Amended) The method of claim 1 in which the step of forming a recess includes the steps of:

providing a robot operatively connected to a recess-forming tool; and

operating the robot to move the forming tool into and along the peripheral mating edge of the first trim part.